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Greek giants flop in top four

POWER SWING TO SYDNEY



Hakoah's little winger Joe Watson: the big task on Sunday.

Sydney's two leading teams, stung by recent praise heaped upon their interstate rivals, have taken a giant step towards making the Philips League "Top Four" Grand Final a local affair.

Hakoah downed new champions West Adelaide at the feared Hindmarsh Stadium, after extra time, while Marconi knocked out South Melbourne in Middle Park.

With this Hakoah are in the Grand Final — and Marconi only inches away.

Apart from the surprise

results, the amazing feature of last week's semi-finals was the bitterly disappointing attendances.

In Adelaide, only 4800, in Melbourne a mere 6000 turned up for the matches — throwing overboard the PSL's reasoning that these games only draw well in those cities.

Unless, of course, fans are simply not interested in Top Four promotions, regardless of the venue.

Marconi have a chance to prove all that wrong by packing them in on Sunday when they meet West Adelaide in the final.

The PSL has wisely decided that if the Grand Final is an interstate affair — between Hakoah and West Adelaide—it will be played on a home and away basis.

The first match would be in Sydney on Sunday, September 17 and the return in Adelaide on Wednesday, September 20.

However, should Marconi and Hakoah reach the Grand Final, there will be only one match, on September 17.

RUDI COMING

Australia's new national coach, Rudi Gutendorf arrives on Tuesday, September 12.

He will come via Melbourne to Sydney and on September 12 the Victorian Federation is arranging a cocktail luncheon for the Melbourne Press to meet him.

FINAL ON TV

Channel 0 will show the Philips Cup final locally if the match is played in Melbourne.

It appears that the 0-TEN network would have continued their soccer screenings with the Top Four series and the Philips Cup had it been possible to set the venues well in advance.

However, with matches switched between cities at a week's notice, some stations were not so keen.

"It might be possible to continue on with these important matches next year if more advance planning is given," League manager John Frank said this week.

"MUNDIAL" FOR 24?

FIFA's executive committee will decide at its November meeting how many teams will take part in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

At its Congress in Buenos Aires, FIFA accepted president Joao Havelange's recommendation to increase the number from 16 to 24 — but left the final decision to the executive committee.

Spain is willing and able to accommodate the 24 teams but they fear that the increase would go at the expense of quality.

The finals are likely to be staged in June, in the early Spanish summer, with most matches held in the evening.

Even if the number of teams is increased to 24, this would lengthen the tournament period by only three days.

Pablo Porta, president of the Organising Committee, said Spain would accept whatever decision FIFA made.

"We hope that we will be able to follow recent tradition and win the Cup as the home team," he added realistically.

SOCCER WAR LOOMS

The history of Sydney soccer, already littered with breakaways and schisms, faces yet another crisis that could flare up into open warfare.

There is a chance that by the weekend the five Sydney-based Philips League clubs may receive a stiff ultimatum from the ASF to re-affiliate into the NSW Federation or face sanctions.

Last week's scheduled meeting between the PSL clubs and the NSW Federation was scrapped suddenly.

The reason was that the PSL clubs — Marconi, Hakoah, St George, West and Olympic — have failed to reply to the 15-point re-entry conditions of NSW.

Some sort of a letter was drafted — but this managed to evade the issues.

The main bone of contention is NSW's insistence that all PSL clubs, on their return, field three teams.

Marconi and St George are the only ones prepared to comply with

this; the others are opposed on financial grounds.

The PSL clubs also want some compromise on the NSW demand that they not only make players available for State teams — but that the same players be ineligible to play for their clubs up to four days before the game.

This week will see a series of meetings to resolve the crisis.

The five clubs will meet on their own, then next day with the PSL, to find a solution.

But compromises on major issues are out: the NSW Federation is adamant that the clubs accept a set of conditions or won't be accepted.

Which, of course, will produce Sir Arthur George's big stick and possible ultimatum.

In the good old days, a likely

Sydney reaction would have been the threat of a breakaway.

But things have changed: they have nowhere to go.

So it will be interesting to see how long the clubs can hold out against an earlier ASF instruction and NSW demands.

PSL run-down

Next week we begin our comprehensive review of the 1978 season, with a detailed analysis of each of the 14 teams in the Philips Soccer League.

During the forthcoming weeks we will bring you a frank and honest appraisal of the teams — their ups and downs, successes and failures.

Then we will publish the most unique facts, figures and statistics about the 1978 PSL season.

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3 TO 7

Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna

Maccabi (7th Div.) in finishing equal second will need to play-off against Chullora to determine which club receives promotion. Both reserve and first grade teams won their semifinals last weekend, qualifying for the final this week. Three players are particularly pleased as the final match will be their 100th for the club. They are forward Harold Finger, midfielder Ron Lilling and defender Ernie Pollack, the captain.

Maccabi will be holding their annual ball at the Hakoah Club on September 30 when club awards will be presented. First grade top goal scorer seems sure to go to Ron Silvers and the "Best and Fairest" is between David Rutter and Gary Weiss. Reserve grade top goal scorer looks like being Ron Weiss and the reserves "Best and Fairest" probably Steve Bayer.

Prospect County (6th Div.) congratulate striker Tony Brito and his wife on the birth of their first child, Sandra. Tony, the proud father, seconded the resolution with a goal in his team's semifinal win over Eastern Creek last Saturday. Prospect County will meet West St. George in the reserve grade final after their win over Fairfield West last Sunday.

Moorebank (7th Div.) had 11 disappointed players after their defeat by Maccabi in the reserve grade semifinals last Sunday.

As the post-season "out West" is almost as busy as the competition period, there is little time to reminisce with Prospect County's Festival of Nations KO coming up in October, the Camden's Cup on September 23, Liverpool United's City Cup in November and Moorebank's Summer Cup as well as the Indoor Competition.

South Sydney Districts (7th Div.) are holding a ladies' challenge match against the club's first grade next Sunday at Centennial Park. The club will hold its presentation cabaret on Saturday, October 28, at the Randwick-Botany Club.

Baulkham Hills (4th Div.) premiers, fared badly in the semifinals. The reserve grade went down 3-0 to Ashcroft and the first grade 2-1 to Sydney University. In the first grade match, due to injuries and other engagements, the side played without three star players. In the second half Hills went one goal ahead through Barry Walker from a good pass by Steve Davidson. University, however, came back with three good chances, scoring two goals from two direct freekicks.

In 5th Division it is Bonnyrigg v Kingsford in both grades. For Kingsford it is the first time that both grades are in the final, while for Bonnyrigg the first grade have reached the finals three years running, though it is the first time for the Bonnyrigg reserve graders. It is worth noting that in the premiership the two clubs finished first and second.

In the semifinal between Bonnyrigg and North Ryde the game was smooth and with few interruptions. Just before half time a penalty was awarded to North Ryde and Tony Rickard drove the ball home. The second half, however, was dominated by Bonnyrigg and persistent attacking paid dividends with two goals being scored by Emmanuel Isaac and Martin Bazy.

In other 5th Division semifinal saw Paddington start off with defensive play and, to their disadvantage, maintained this role till full-time. The score of 1-0 is not indicative of the run of play, for Kingsford dominated though failed to take advantage of the numerous opportunities. The Kingsford goal, which came just before half time, was scored by Peter Page.

Edensor Park (7th Div.) will be holding their presentation dance on Saturday, September 23, where the winner of the Miss Edensor Park Quest will be announced. The lucky young lady will also represent the club when the teams visit the ACT for the Inter-Croatian tournament in October. President Branko Bosnjak welcomed home his wife and family from a trip home to Croatia. Branko may spend all his leisure time with his club but nothing can replace home-style cooking.

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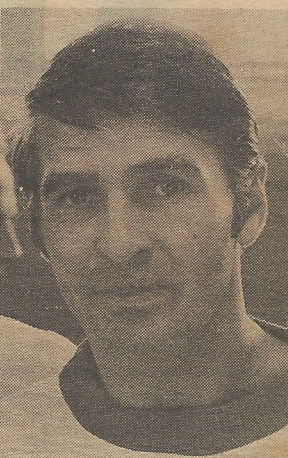
CLUB PATROL

The dreaded "flannelled fools" disease has once again struck us, as councils start pulling down goal posts and begin roping off mysterious patches of grass in the centre of local parks. Yes, the cricket season will soon be with us and, as a result, several clubs have lost their training grounds, not to mention the playing field. Arncliffe Scots are a case in point, having lost Hurstville Oval for both games and training. Alternate grounds for matches have been found, and now the teams train at EVERT PARK, Lugarno.

The golden boy of Yugal, JOE ALAGICH, has returned from his overseas travels, after five months touring the world. Joe was at the World Cup, and also spent some time in Yugoslavia and the rest of Europe, no doubt enjoying the football.

Croatia's player-coach AT-TILA ABONYI has reportedly become a fulltime soccer man and may link up with another well known player in a sports store soon.

Auburn's key figures KEVIN DOBSON and WILLIE HAMILTON returned to the first team last week after a few matches of absence due to injury.



Kaz Kulak

Arncliffe have created some new precedents this year. First they appointed KAZ KULAK as coach for 1979; previously they never made the appointment until about the pre-season competition. They also appointed a team manager earlier than usual, and at the request of Kaz. Not that the club minds, for the new team manager is committeeman TOM McCAFFREY, who will also be the club manager for 1979.

St. George's new coach JOSEF GELEI is still held up in Budapest due to bureaucratic wrangles and may not arrive in Sydney for a few more weeks.

TONY SCHWARZ is officially back as Yugal's first team coach after an absence from the scene for over three months. Tony, who reshaped the Yugal team for the start of the season, and reinstated some former pride after the disaster of last year, will probably be reappointed for 1979. ILJA TAKAC, caretaker coach in Tony's absence, stepped aside as was agreed beforehand to allow Tony back into the top job.

Two names to remember for coming seasons in the Toongabbie line-up are ALAN MILLER, a 20-year-old defender, and COLIN STUART, a 17-year-old wing man. The club has great hopes for both lads.

Sutherland's talented midfielder CRAIG HALL is certain to receive lucrative offers from PSL clubs shortly.

The reported "liquidation" of Marconi coach. RALE RASIC never materialised. However, a



The winning schools in the Northern Districts Cup competition were presented with prizes to the value of \$6700 by the Sports Factory at Carlingford, conducted by former Socceroo Ray Richards. A total of 26 boys' and 19 girls' high schools entered the series.

Pictured are the representatives of the winning schools receiving some of their prizes at Ray Richards' sports store.

From left: Bill Mullen (store manager); Scott Reid, 18, Cumberland High School; Sue Andrews, 16, Turramurra High; John Goldsmith, Turramurra girls' coach; Anthea Gregory, Turramurra High; Paul Carter, Cumberland coach.

The boys' series was won by Cumberland High, and the girls' by Turramurra from Marist Sisters College of Woolwich.

section of the club membership is strongly opposed to his retention and would like to see Ray Richards at the helm next year.

Polonia is organising three junior teams for 1979, all recruited from local lads. Associate team manager STEFAN NOWAK will be in charge.

Inter Monaro have not had the best of luck with their centre backs this year. After a promising start to the season young GERALD CRAWFORD had suffered a serious knee injury which has kept him out of the first team for a great part of the competition. His replacement, who has played with skill and aplomb throughout, JOHN SANTOLIN, recently suffered a broken wrist, sidelining him for a good while as well.

GREG BYLES' father is ill at Concord Repatriation Hospital. Despite the setback Greg led his charges at Revesby to great heights. We wish Byles senior a speedy recovery.

Revesby's young midfielder GRAHAM WATSON has announced his engagement to Miss Lyn Harney of Panania.

JOE VLASITS has agreed to continue with St. George next year as developmental coach.

Arncliffe Scots' Fijian striker NELSON ROKADERA, out of action for three weeks with the 'flu, has forced his way back into first team contention after a couple of brilliant outings in thirds, according to club secretary DAVE DORIAN.

Toongabbie's STEVE POLLARD, for so long during the season a midfielder, was pushed forward for the last couple of matches and showed a healthy goal poaching talent by scoring in both games.

The ARNCLIFFE SCOTS AGM will be held at the Sports and Social Club on October 4, at 8pm.

BILLY PARKHOUSE, Toongabbie's foundation president, has been appointed fulltime football manager for 1979. Toongabbie are, without a doubt, the forward looking club, with many long-range plans in mind. These include an apprentice system, a new stadium, and a building up of playing staff to challenge for the NSW title. The appointment of the 1979 coach is expected at the end of this month, and from all reports the club is after the coach of one of the State League's leading clubs,

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KULAK joined the club, and put it down to his fitness program. One player, DAVE MARTIN, was even thinking of quitting the game due to knee injury problems but, under the guidance of Kaz, Dave has been fitter than ever.

Some APIA fans would like to see Monaro's talented SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO transferred to the Lambert Park mob.

Superbly fit or just lucky? Gladesville Hornsby's goalie, CRAIG CARLISLE 20, has missed only one game in the last four years — and even that after he was sent off in the last match of 1975.

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Tom is a Galah ...

Colleague and ex-coach Tom Anderson is now officially a Galah. He was appointed special "Kicking Coach" for the Australian Galahs playing two Gaelic Football Internationals in Dublin and Cork in October.

The Galahs are made up of the best Victorian and South Australian Rules players.

However, Gaelic football is played with the round ball and Anderson's job will be to coach them in the new technique.

Crowds up to 70,000 are expected in Ireland for the matches.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA LONG ARID SPELL RISKY AND COSTLY

Considering that the Philips League minor rounds ended on August 26, the decision to play the Philips Cup match between Adelaide City and Essendon (Vic.) on September 17 is silly.

This means that the Adelaide club must keep its team in match practice with a chance of injuries, and keep in training at an added expense to the club.

Club president Charlie Caruso said that he was most disappointed with the decision.

West Adelaide could be without former Clyde professional Peter Boyle next season.

Boyle will return to Scotland after West's PSL commitments and there is some doubt if he comes back to Australia again.

Strong rumors were floating around Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday that Graham Honeyman could be next to follow Boyle's departure.

Perhaps he is only going for a holiday.

The presentation of the Rothmans Award for 1978, the "Best and Fairest" player in the local Rothmans League will be announced on Thursday night, September 7, at a dinner at Joe Oberdan Convention Centre, Findon. Players who have been suspended during the season are not considered for the award.

WA girls win title

Western Australia won the Australian women's championships in Newcastle last week with NSW second.

The Westralian girls gained a 4-2 win over Victoria with goals from Judy Pettit (2), Sharon Lovell and Sandra Brentnall to take the title with nine points from five games, to NSW's eight.

Queensland came third with six points. In the final round they defeated Northern Territory 11-0.

NSW, who earlier lost to Western Australia, finished with a 7-0 win over Northern NSW.

Four goals came from Kathy McCully and three from Judy Dolan.

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VIC MIGLIACCIO

Among the good people who are responsible for our soccer boom in Adelaide is South Australia Soccer Federation President Alex Hastings. Two Saturday's ago we saw him travelling from ground to ground distributing free passes to clubs for students under 14 for last Saturday's Cup final. It's not a secret that Alex Hastings' ambition is to form a proper State League with teams like Whyalla and Mt Gambier competing.

Here are all the SASF fixtures for Saturday, September 9. Coca-Cola Top Four Cup, first round: Cumberland-Croatia at 3.00pm at Hindmarsh Stadium, the curtain raiser at 1pm is The Bailetti Cup final, Noarlunga City v Elizabeth City. Postponed league games: Campbelltown v West Fields, juniors and reserves. Orange v Port (reserves) and Victoria v Cumberland (juniors).

The Cumberland-Croatia match should produce plenty of excitement. League champions Cumberland, who last Saturday beat Campbelltown-Budapest comfortably to also win the Federation Cup, will be going all-out to complete the 1978 season with a successful treble.

Croatia, after a week's rest and fresh from the great 3-2 victory over Cumberland in the last minor league round with Tony Jordan scoring three, should push the champions to the extreme and tip them to win.

The squads: Cumberland: Parks, B. Leane, Harvey, Stuart, Ball, Evans, B. Leane, Dobney, Mahoney, Welsh, Reeves, Pankhurst, Mason, Charman. Croatia: Przybylski, Williams, Ivanov, Holland, Kotlar, Pope, Harrow, Rugusic, Jordan, Thomson, Hayes, Toth.

Last Saturday's results: Federation Cup Final: Cumberland United 3 beat Campbelltown-Budapest 0.

Scorers: Cumberland: Welsh (4m), Dobney (59m) and Mahoney (63m). Best players — Cumberland: Welsh, Chadwick, Reeves. Campbelltown: Blance,

Haig, Scarcella. John Martin's Cup semifinal: Port Adelaide 3, Modbury 1 (extra time). Bailetti Cup: Elizabeth 0, West Field 0 (extra time).

W'gong to get venue

Wollongong-Illawarra Soccer Club expect Wollongong Showground will be made available as their home ground if they are admitted to the Philips League in 1979.

The new club's steering committee has received this advice after preliminary contacts were made with the Wollongong Showground Trust.

They have made application to the PSL for admission, and expect to have further discussions with League manager John Frank in Wollongong next Monday.

The organisational base for the club is being laid down by Arthur Allan, secretary of the sponsoring Fraternity Bowling Club at Fairy Meadow.

Whilst Wollongong seems a must for the future of the PSL, John Frank has the prime task of assessing whether Wollongong can be ready for action by next February.

It would then be up to the League to see how the additional travel costs can be met.

The agreement with the sponsors, Philips Industries, allows no cover for rise in transport costs for the first three years of operation.

As regards the establishing of the team, official Harry Fabrianesi says that a club coach would be first appointed from either local or overseas candidates.

He would then be given the task of recruiting players of the desired quality.

"We will start with a good

team, but we cannot expect to begin high up the ladder," he said.

— K.G.

LETTER

Some weeks ago you mentioned in an article that Michael Roberts had been at Castle Hill Sports and Recreation Club spreading the good word about the rules.

As publicity officer I would like to thank you for mentioning this evening. It was a wonderful night and we gained from the vast knowledge of the laws which this gentleman passed on.

Not content with that, Mike has been at it again. Under another hat I coach an under-10 team at Oakhill College (which now has 12 teams playing in the Gladesville Hornsby Association). Michael arranged for my boys to attend the Yugal and Sutherland match at Concord as guests of the Federation and organised a meeting with both teams.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed their day and were most appreciative of the invitation extended to them.

The Yugal players were introduced to the boys in the dressing room, signed autographs and talked about the game.

The Sutherland players were introduced by John Watkiss just prior to going onto the pitch.

Michael certainly promotes the game and has our thanks. The game has 12 new supporters, not to mention the fathers of the boys who attended.

P. E. BOSHILL,
Oakhill College
under-10A soccer team,
Castle Hill, NSW.

VICTORIANS IN CUP WRANGLE

— From Les Shorrock —

The future of the Victorian Ampol Cup is clouded over after another meeting between the three PSL clubs and the State League failed to arrive at a suitable formula for next year's competition.

The VSF had invited the three clubs to take part in the Cup next season and the three, mindful of Sir Arthur George's instruction to co-operate as much as possible with their local Federations, met with Michael Weinstein, Federation chairman, and Vito Cilaurio, chairman of the State League.

The Federation's proposal was that the PSL clubs, plus the champions of the First Division, Croydon City, should come into the first round of the Cup along with the State League 12, making it 16 in all.

The "big three", well aware of the State League clubs' lack of spectator-power, countered with an alternative proposal, on the lines of South Australia's scheme, suggesting that they, with the State champions, Essendon, form one group and four State League qualifiers form another, and the two groups be paired off in the quarter-final round.

They also wanted the winners to share 60 per cent of the total attendance pool for each round.

There were also other considerations, such as representation on the Board, and availability of players for representative matches, discussed at some length but, eventually, no agreement on any point, and a further meeting last Tuesday night, ended after only 10 minutes, with neither side budging.

The present position is that the PSL chairman, Sam Papasavas, had given the VSF a fortnight's grace to effect some compromise.

After that, he says, the PSL clubs will go ahead and arrange their own Summer Cup.

This would comprise the three Melbourne clubs, the two Adelaide clubs, and Canberra City playing double-headers at the South Melbourne footy ground under lights on Friday nights, which would spell financial ruin for the Ampol Cup.

APIA ENTERS BID FOR PSL

APIA-Leichhardt have made the big move and submitted an application to join the Philips Soccer League of Australia.

The club president, Sydney solicitor Mick Papallo, told "Soccer World" that he and his club believed that APIA's place was in the forefront of Australian soccer.

"A petition to the PSL for admission of the club is circulating and will soon have 6500 signatures," he said.

"We tried to combine with Western Suburbs in a move that we believed would be mutually beneficial.

"It seems to have got us nowhere, so we will go it alone if necessary," he added.

APIA want their present name for the first year of operation, as a logical means of bringing back their former fans.

After that they are prepared to

accept PSL policy and take a suitable local name.

The case to the PSL includes an offer to meet their travelling expenses for the first year, involving \$20,000.

Obviously, they now have few players of PSL quality, but Papallo has no doubt that the club would bring the team right up to standard.

— K.G.

Fan Quiz

Newcastle United have no intention of letting the grass grow under their feet in spite of their 8300 average League attendance in their first PSL season.

The club has provided its fans with a questionnaire which they can complete in strict anonymity.

Out of it will develop a profile of their supporters, with details of age, sex, family and work situations and place of residence.

Indications are being sought of frequency of match attendances, favoured TV, radio and newspaper cover and the extent of sponsorship penetration.

They are after specific preferences on home game dates — Saturdays, Sundays, weekday afternoons or evenings.

Television viewing habits with Philips Top Soccer, The Big Match and Star Soccer are being probed.

Apart from the drive for greater success on the field which started with the signing of Joe Senkalski, Newcastle next year will be able to more closely tailor their promotions to their fans' requirements.

More importantly, they will be looking for sections of the community which can be attracted along to swell the crowds at their popular International Sports Centre.

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BRISBANE CITY	}	0-1
SYDNEY OLYMPIC		
Auburn	}	2-0
South Side Eagles		
HAKOAH	}	1-2
ST. GEORGE		
APIA	}	2-1
WESTERN SUBURBS		
Sutherland Shire	}	2-0
Marconi		
CROATIA	}	3-4
Weston Bears		
NEWCASTLE UNITED	}	1-2
CANBERRA CITY		
West Woden Juventus	}	4-0
GEORGE CROSS		
Juventus	}	1-0
Prahran Slavia		
FITZROY UNITED	}	3-6
SOUTH MELBOURNE		
Footscray	}	2-1
White Eagles		
ESSENDON	}	0-2
BEOGRAD WOODVILLE		
ED Azzurri	}	2-1
Ascot		
WEST ADELAIDE	}	1-4
ADELAIDE CITY		
Noarlunga United	}	5-0

ROUND 2

Brisbane Lions		
BRISBANE CITY	}	2-4 (after 0-0 and penalties)
HAKOAH		
Sydney Olympic	}	4-0
St. George		
WESTERN SUBURBS	}	0-1
NEWCASTLE UNITED		
Croatia	}	2-0
George Cross		
CANBERRA CITY	}	2-3
FITZROY		
South Melbourne	}	2-1
Beograd Woodville		
ESSENDON	}	0-5
West Adelaide		
ADELAIDE CITY	}	0-1

QUARTER-FINALS

BRISBANE CITY		
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Hakoah		
	Sept. 24, Brisbane	
NEWCASTLE		
v		
Western Suburbs		1-0
CANBERRA		
v		
Fitzroy		
	Sept. 24, Canberra	
ESSENDON		
v		
Adelaide City		
	Sept. 17, Melbourne	



PHILIPS LEAGUE FINAL



Marconi's Paul Degney.

PHILIPS CUP NEWCASTLE'S LATE GOAL

Newcastle United continued to show their good form by defeating Western Suburbs 1-0 in the quarter final of the Philips Cup last Sunday at the International Sports Centre.

In a game where the respective defences were always on top of their opposing attacks, Newcastle managed to

Newcastle

A collision at Thursday's training cost Col Curran a place in the Newcastle team against Western Suburbs last Sunday. Col fell awkwardly, breaking the little finger of his right hand. His doctor plastered it up and recommended that he miss the game.

John Sneddon made a comeback into the Newcastle midfield last week. Joe Senkalski might have received Alan Vest's call, but he had played for Olympic in their cup-tie against Auburn and was ineligible. Sneddon is well known for his defensive qualities, and is equally at home at the back.

Ken Boden, Newcastle's equal topscorer in this year's League season, only rated a brief mention in Doncaster Rovers' list of players for the previous English season. It said "Ken Boden (non-contract) 1 appearance." Boden was a regular scorer in League and non-league football, however. Alan Vest believes that his translation to star rating could be due to the change from heavier to harder grounds.

break the deadlock with only four minutes remaining and when extra time appeared certain.

The goal came when Ken Boden put Mike Galpin through on the right with a magic flick; Galpin's cross found Peter Tredennick on the far post who managed to beat Terry Eaton in the Western Suburbs goal and so assuring Newcastle United of a place in the semifinals. The expected clash of the joint top goal scorers, Clive Eaton and Ken Boden, did not eventuate as both failed to score, Clive Eaton being well handled by Bill Summerscales and Warren Turnbull doing likewise to Ken Boden.

In fairness to Boden, Turnbull's job was made easier by the type of service the Newcastle's striker was receiving.

Most balls were up in the air where Turnbull had the edge, but on the few occasions the ball was played to Boden's feet he managed to display his beautiful footwork that stamped him as one of the finds of the season.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: P. Dando, P. Willis, C. Curran, W. Summerscales, R. Drinkwater, C. Mason, J. Sneddon, M. Galpin, N. Endacott (L. Hardes 25m), K. Boden, P. Tredennick.

WESTERN SUBURBS: T. Eaton, R. Skellern, W. Turnbull, I. Rowden, P. Wilson, D. Harding, P. Stone, R. O'Donnell, A. Scott, C. Eaton, J. Vernon.

Scorer: P. Tredennick (86m). **Referee:** Jack Wood (Brisbane). **Crowd:** 6417.

— JOE LANZONI

FRESH HOPE FOR REVIVED MARCONI

— By ANDREW DETTRE —

Having staged the greatest comeback since Lazarus came back from the dead, Marconi are now poised to make it an all-Sydney Grand Final against Hakoah.

Marconi's brilliant win last Sunday in Melbourne not only rehabilitated them but gave Sydney soccer some of its pride back.

Hakoah also won their semifinal last week in Adelaide and with that walked right into the Grand Final.

Now, on Sunday, Marconi will play West Adelaide in Sydney and a win would no longer be a surprise.

With ex-Bologna star Roberto Vieri back to his best, Marconi will start favorites.

No doubt coach Rale Rasic will be anxious to show his critics — most of them in the Marconi club itself — that he still has the knack when it comes to the big occasion.

One of the most fascinating duels will be between speedster Peter Sharne and Westad's long-legged fullback Barry Reynolds.

One of the best attacking fullbacks in the business, Reynolds cannot afford to leave Sharne alone for a moment without inviting trouble.

With Rooney and Vieri orchestrating things in the middle, West Adelaide could be in for a torrid time.

The Adelaide outfit will have McGachey back in the fold — and maybe even McGregor will be fit after his recent shoulder injury.

Chances are that the post-title celebrations are now behind West Adelaide and, as champions, they will be loath to miss out on the Grand Final with two straight defeats.

The pace will be on from the start with Marconi probing on the wings and West Adelaide relying on their lightning fast counter-raids.

On paper, Marconi always looked the classier of the two teams — but in recent weeks their slump defied all logical explanations.

Perhaps the win in Melbourne was all the tonic they needed to regain their lost composure.

If they are back to their peak, Marconi should be able to take this match out and reach the Grand Final.

But a word of caution. West Adelaide are an aggressive, fit and extremely useful team — far from the "faceless unit" some ill-informed critics call them.

In Crook, Reynolds, Kambas, Bozanic, McGachey and the two ex-Sydney stars, Honeyman and Norris, they have men with very definite and distinguishable faces who can cause Rale's boys quite a bit of trouble.

Marconi should win and compensate their fans for the anguish of a horrible late run in the championship.

CROWDS FLOCK

Newcastle United's playing record of only five wins in 26 competition matches does not read like a real success story.

Yet in 13 home matches 109,675 spectators have gone to see Newcastle United in action at the International Sports Centre.

That works out at an average of 8436 a match, easily the best of the entire Philips League in their first ever season.

The advantage of having the city's support, like Canberra, has helped, but judicious promotional work has prevented what could

have been a "one or two game novelty" for many people.

Newcastle's International Sports Centre has proved an ideal venue with plenty of undercover seating and adequate parking.

At an after-match gathering last Saturday, president Max Talbot thanked everyone, but his main emphasis was his gratitude to the Newcastle public for following the fortunes of United.

Club officials realise that coach Alan Vest will have to be allowed to build up in player strength for the 1979 season though, naturally, the coach is keeping tight-lipped about the players he would like to see in Newcastle's colours to strengthen some positions.

A breakdown of the week by week attendances is given below:

Newcastle "home" crowds in 1978:

v. Hakoah Eastern Suburbs	15,067
v. West Adelaide	7,019
v. Olympic	5,287
v. Brisbane Lions	5,018
v. Fitzroy	7,826
v. Brisbane City	6,208*
v. Western Suburbs	6,789
v. South Melbourne	7,375
v. Canberra City	9,057
v. St. George	10,147
v. Adelaide City	7,434
v. Footscray	6,834
v. Marconi	15,614

* (Wednesday afternoon)

In addition, in two other midweek fixtures, visiting Scottish side Dundee drew over 6000, while in the Philips Cup match against South Sydney Croatia 3500 attended.

— M. HAY



Westad's Zervas (left) and Reynolds.

SYDNEY YOUTH LEAGUE



CUP FINAL
Western Suburbs v Marconi Raiders 4-3

NEXT WEEK:
Top Four matches:
Western Suburbs v St. George Dragons
Marconi Comets v Marconi Raiders
(dates and venues yet to be decided)

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: HELEN GUBBAY — 8.00pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: Disco — 7.30pm.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE SEMI FINALS

STH MELB v MARCONI 2-3

MARCONI HELD OUT IN STORMY FINISH

This great semifinal was undoubtedly the best match seen in Melbourne this season, and although Marconi deserved their win, South's storming second half provided a fitting finale to their campaign.

South, already weakened by injuries, suffered a further setback when Mike Pye fractured his jaw at training and when

Hatzemanouil had to come off through illness early in the game, Dave McLaren had to use winger Chris Kent at fullback.

Marconi, by contrast, were happier than they had been for weeks, with only Mark Jankovics missing.

Marconi, playing neat man-to-man soccer, went two goals up in only 10 minutes and at that stage looked as though they would run away with a one-sided game.

— From Les Shorrock —

WESTAD v HAKOAH 2-3

CAMPBELL GOAL IN EXTRA TIME

Any clash involving new Philips League champions Westad and 1977 premiers Easts-Hakoah just has to be exciting, and this confrontation provided tense drama of the highest magnitude.

Surely the fans were entitled to expect that such a game between two trophy winning giants would not be decided in a mere 90 minutes.

It inevitably spilled into extra-time and went within three minutes of being decided on penalty kicks.

For a brief 14 magic minutes, however, it appeared that Westad, despite the absence of their captain Neil McGachey (suspended) and injured pair Ian McGregor and Dave Pillans, were going to achieve an "impossible" win over the deposed champions.

Little George Koulianos, in Westad's starting line-up for the first time, amazed and delighted the home crowd when he accepted a back pass from Graham Norris to smash a superb volley past Todd Clarke from 25 metres.

Westad rocked Easts again two minutes later as big Barry Reynolds drove home goal number two with an acutely angled shot after Peter Boyle and Alex Zervas had combined to outwit the Easts defence.

Easts, seemingly unperurbed by their deficit, played a methodical brand of smooth football to earn their first goal in the 20th minute.

Murray Barnes engineered the chance when he worked the ball into the penalty box before slipping a neat pass to Souness who slammed a ground shot into the right hand corner of the net.

— From Allan Crisp —

Hard running mid-fielder John Stevenson then emphasised East's urgency for an equaliser as his raking drive clipped the top of the crossbar, but Crook retained West's half time lead with a world class save when he dived to catch a thundering piledriver from Watson.

Westad began the second half in aggressive fashion as Zervas hooked a cross from Vic Bozanic goalwards, but Henry Mowbray cleared to concede a corner.

Easts snatched the leveller in the ninth minute of the half as Barnes flashed a header into the net.

Rain preceded the "overtime" drama as referee Tony Beazleigh yellow-carded Con Kambas for a foul on Hilton Silva and then in the final minute of the first period of extra-time gave Norris his marching orders for a foul on the same Easts player.

Despite their depleted forces, Westad earned two great chances to win the gruelling contest during the last 15 minutes.

With six minutes to go Bozanic almost repeated his championship goal of the previous week when he rifled a drive which Clarke stopped, but failed to hold and Bozanic fired the rebound over the crossbar.

With three and a half minutes left Clarke saved a near post header from Honeyman and 30 seconds later Easts grabbed the winner when substitute Ernie Campbell drove a ground shot home from close range.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 5, Bozanic 4, Reynolds 4, Tymczyzyn 4, Kambas 4, Jones 4, Boyle 5, Honeyman 3, Koulianos 3 (Anderson 99m), Norris 1, Zervas 3 (Pantelis 64m). **Coach:** Jim Adam.

EASTERN SUBURBS: Clarke 4, Mullen 4, Thomson 4, O'Connor 4, Mowbray 4 (Campbell 109m), Stevenson 4, Watson 3, Barnes 5 (Trenter 80m), Souness 5, Smith 4, Silva 4. **Coach:** Gerry Chaldi.

Goals: 1-0 Koulianos (12m), 2-0 Reynolds (14m) 2-1 Souness (20m), 2-2 Barnes (54m), 2-3 Campbell (117 m). **Referee:** T. Beazleigh (Victoria). **Crowd:** 4852. **Sent off:** Norris. **Cautions:** Reynolds, Kambas, Jones, Mullen, Thomson.



Hakoah's classy Terry Smith

next 20 minutes they pounded Marconi from every angle.

"Spider" Maher rescued Marconi then, with three great saves in quick succession, from Wright, Christopolous, and Cummings, and Jimmy Rooney ran himself into the ground trying to keep the ball from South's rampant midfield.

The game got very willing, with players hurling themselves into tackles, and I thought referee Neal was less authoritative than he could have been.

After Marconi had weathered the storm, South had some anxious moments as Sharne's speedy raids pulled the defence apart.

In one desperate melee, Sharne had a shot kicked off the line by Munro, and Reilly somehow parried attempts by Degney, and Vieri, before Ollerton missed a

golden opportunity, shooting at Reilly from point-blank range.

The game ended on a high note, with a last minute equaliser always a possibility, and Cummings came close in the dying seconds with a shot that Maher was happy to finger-tip round the post.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 3, Kalafatis 3, Hatzemanouil 2 (Kent 15m), Munro 4, Baxter 3, Lutton 4, Wright 3, Rogers 3, Cummings 3, Evans 5, Christopolous 2.

MARCONI: Maher 4, Jones 3, Degney 3, Prskalo 3, Vieri 4, Roney 5, Selva 3, Mariani 3, Ollerton 3, Sharne 4.

GOALS: 0-1 Jones (2), 0-2 Sharne (10), 1-2 Cummings (40), 1-3 Ollerton (42), 2-3 Evans (56).

Referee: D. Neal (Adelaide). **Cautions:** Degney, Sharne. **Crowd:** 6000.

ROUND BY ROUND IN '78

From near last to first — this is West Adelaide's stunning 1978 Philips League story.

They climbed from 11th place after Round 9 to hit the lead and win the battle.

Hakoah's claim of having been "unlucky" not to win is, perhaps, a little exaggerated; they were first only after the relatively insignificant opening round — and never again.

Even the second place was theirs only for five weeks; the rest of the season they were placed between third and seventh.

Of course, we all know Marconi's sad fate: first for 19 rounds — and fourth in the end. The chart below shows the

placings of the teams after each round.

It's interesting to see which improved on their placings after the halfway mark: Hakoah, West Adelaide, South Melbourne, Fitzroy, Olympic, St. George and Newcastle.

On the other hand, Marconi, Lions, Western Suburbs, Footscray, Canberra and Brisbane City all fell back.

Adelaide City was the only team that kept its halfway mark placing at the end.

ROUNDS:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1. West Adelaide	7	13	13	11	7	7	7	6	11	5	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2. Hakoah	1	5	4	4	2	4	4	4	4	7	5	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	2
3. South Melbourne	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	5	5	4	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	2	4	3	4	3
4. Marconi	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	2	4	3	4
5. Fitzroy	4	10	10	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	8	7	6	5	6	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	6	5	5
6. Brisbane Lions	13	8	8	8	11	8	10	8	6	4	3	2	2	5	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	6	6
7. St. George	12	6	5	6	9	9	12	9	12	8	11	14	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	11	11	9	8	9	7
8. Olympic	9	12	7	10	5	5	5	6	9	11	12	9	13	13	13	13	11	11	9	9	8	10	8	7	7	8
9. Western Suburbs	4	3	6	3	4	3	3	2	2	3	6	6	6	7	7	8	9	8	8	7	7	8	7	9	8	9
10. Adelaide City	9	11	12	9	10	10	8	10	5	9	7	11	10	9	8	7	7	7	7	8	9	7	10	10	10	10
11. Newcastle	14	13	14	14	14	12	13	13	13	13	10	12	12	11	11	11	11	10	11	11	12	12	12	12	11	11
12. Footscray	4	9	11	12	12	13	11	11	7	6	9	13	11	10	10	10	8	9	10	10	13	13	13	13	12	12
13. Canberra	7	7	9	7	6	6	6	5	8	9	13	10	9	12	12	12	14	14	14	12	10	9	11	11	13	13
14. Brisbane City	9	4	3	5	8	11	9	12	9	12	8	7	8	8	9	9	10	12	12	14	14	14	14	14	14	14

NB: In some cases, such as the first round, teams were equal on points and goals and we gave them the ex-quo placings.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

FINAL:

MARCONI v WEST ADELAIDE

Marconi Oval, Sunday, 3pm

NEXT WEEK

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

GRAND FINAL

EDENSOR: FIT FOR A KING

Edensor Park-King Tomislav Croatian Soccer Club, basically of Croatian nationality, was formed in October, 1972, and has grown from a temporary shed on two acres to a fully licensed club on 15 acres in a period of six years.

The well appointed club house at Edensor Park consists of a dining room with bar, reception room, games room, bar with poker machines plus an auditorium to accommodate up to 1000 people. Next is a sealed car park for 1000 cars.

The almost completed new soccer pitch will have no wet weather problems with the extensive drainage system installed.

Spectators have also been well catered for with the pitch being lowered, allowing a good view of matches from all sides.

The turfing of the pitch will be laid this September with lighting and an amenities block to be completed for the '79 season.

Future building plans include covered spectator seating, youth clubhouse and extensions to the car park.

From the club's inception, the King Tomislav teams have maintained a high standard on the field, finishing no worse than second while competing in the Southern Districts Association

and this year have topped their division for their first year in Federation.

Fielding three junior teams this season, the club expects to have juniors from under 8s to under 15s to compete next year.

With a membership of 850, the facilities that Edensor Park will be able to offer members in 1979 would be equalled by only the PSL Club, Marconi.

The club receives no sponsorship and has grown through the dedication of the founding members and is maintained with the same dedication and good management.

These people run the club: President: B. Bosnjak; secretary: S. Olic and treasurer: I. Zekanovic.

They plan to maintain the high standard within the team and club.

Coach is B. Tomasoc whose aim is to win promotion next year again.

— V. HOKIN



Edensor Park-King Tomislav team, standing, from left: S. Olic (capt), B. Peros, N. Duka, Dalibor Jelaca, I. Lopic, R. Pagano, B. Tomasoc (coach); sitting: J. Pagano, S. Zilic, Davor Jelaca, T. Matetic, S. Popovic, S. Bilaver, S. Grzelak.

NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	19	—	4	56	11	38
Sutherland	14	4	5	35	15	32
Monaro	12	5	6	41	27	29
Melita	14	1	8	39	28	29
Auburn	12	3	8	48	35	27
APIA	11	3	10	32	24	25
Mv. Olympic	11	3	10	31	34	25
Toongabbie	9	6	9	27	28	24
Avala	8	3	11	29	33	19
Yugal	7	5	10	28	43	19
Granville	6	6	12	24	36	18
Manly	6	6	12	23	49	18
Arncliffe	3	6	14	15	39	12
Bankstown	3	5	15	22	42	11

DIV. 1, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	19	3	2	56	13	41
Croatia	15	4	4	48	23	34
APIA	15	3	5	34	19	33
Sutherland	14	3	6	58	16	31
Auburn	14	3	6	47	23	31
Arncliffe	11	4	7	42	20	26
Granville	12	2	9	42	29	26
Melita	9	5	8	32	33	23
Mv. Olympic	6	8	10	29	43	20
Toongabbie	4	6	13	23	36	14
Yugal	6	1	16	24	60	13
Avala	5	2	16	25	48	12
Monaro	5	1	17	21	65	11
Bankstown	2	3	18	17	69	7

DIV. 1, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	18	2	2	75	13	38
Sutherland	17	4	1	54	11	38
APIA	12	3	6	42	21	27
Arncliffe	9	5	6	27	20	23
Granville	10	3	8	28	20	23
Auburn	9	3	9	22	27	21
Bankstown	7	6	8	21	28	20
Melita	7	5	9	18	24	19
Croatia	6	6	9	27	31	18
Yugal	4	6	11	16	48	14
Toongabbie	5	3	14	26	46	13
Avala	5	3	13	18	48	13
Mv. Olympic	1	5	16	10	39	7

JUNIORS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
UNDER 14						
Toongabbie	20	3	1	94	13	43
Western Suburbs	20	3	1	89	17	43
APIA	16	4	3	71	21	36
Sydney Olympic	13	7	4	51	21	33
Marconi	11	7	6	67	35	29
Blacktown	11	7	6	55	24	29
Marrickville	11	4	9	59	30	26
Auburn	11	2	10	60	49	24
Hakoah	8	—	16	42	63	16
Belmore	3	7	14	25	60	13
Melita	3	2	19	19	113	8
Bankstown	3	1	20	13	83	7
Guildford	1	1	22	7	122	3
UNDER 15						
APIA	17	3	1	82	9	37
Western Suburbs	16	3	3	109	18	35
Belmore	15	5	2	56	20	35
Guildford	15	3	4	50	20	33
Marconi	15	2	5	102	19	32
Bankstown	10	1	11	48	47	21
Blacktown	7	3	12	25	47	17
Sydney Olympic	6	3	13	26	57	15
Auburn	6	2	13	30	53	14
Toongabbie	5	4	13	15	61	14
Marrickville	1	3	18	16	91	5
Melita	1	2	19	14	131	4
UNDER 16						
Sydney Olympic	14	6	2	45	14	34
Marconi	13	7	2	38	11	34*
Bankstown	13	5	4	59	25	31
APIA	14	3	4	43	14	31
Auburn	10	9	2	38	14	29
Western Suburbs	10	4	8	48	26	24
Belmore	7	8	7	26	22	22
Guildford	6	5	11	35	53	17
Hakoah	4	8	10	29	33	17
Toongabbie	5	3	13	26	51	13
Blacktown	1	5	15	11	54	7
Melita	1	1	20	14	87	3

*Plus 1 point. **Minus 1 point.

WEEKEND RESULTS

	U14	U15	U16
Auburn v Hakoah	4-2	bye	2-0
Blacktown v Melita	3-1	3-1	0-2
Bankstown v Toongabbie	0-13	2-3	6-1
Guildford v Marrickville	0-5	3-0	bye
Hakoah v Marrickville	0-2	bye	bye
Auburn v Bankstown	2-0	1-2	2-0

SEMIFINALS:

Minor semi: 3 v 4, Garside Park, Wednesday, September 13.
Major semi: 1 v 2, Garside Park, Thursday, September 14.
Final: Loser 1 v 2 v winner 3 v 4, Wednesday, September 20.
Grand final: Wednesday, September 27.
All at Garside Park. U14 at 6.00pm, U15 at 7.15pm, U16 at 8.45pm.

MEET THE AMATEURS

Bondi Marine's Lancashire ties

Sydney

The Sydney Olympic decision to appoint Joe Marston to their coaching post came after the club's fine premierships run since he took over.

Olympic president John Constantine has his committee working hard to eliminate the difficulties of the past season. Certainly Erskineville Oval was not popular with the club's fans and they will be coming up with another more suitable arena. After making some good class guest importations, the club has seen the end of the road there. First priority is to secure the right forwards on the Australian market, and failing that Marston will go overseas to seek out the needed players.

East-Hakoah left no stone unturned in their bid to upset injury-ridden West Adelaide at Hindmarsh last Sunday. The team left on a 9am flight and had a training session when they arrived to replace the one that was washed out in Sydney on Thursday.

Conjecture that Mark Jankovics might be back in Marconi's team in Melbourne last Sunday was killed when the talented player continued to be troubled with his leg injury. Argentine import Domingo Ielamo, secured by club president Tony Labbozzetta to reinforce the club, was back in the squad.

Ian Hay of 2KY Sport gave Olympic a bouquet on Monday morning for their long-term appointment of Marston as coach. It is good to hear another commercial station becoming involved in the soccer scene.

— E. KANNA

Few people realise that Sydney's Bondi Marine is 41 years old.

Founded in 1937 by the late C. W. Sandiford, the club was named after Crosby Marine, the Lancashire (UK) outfit he had played for before migrating to Australia.

Within a year of its beginning, the club merged with Bondi

Rangers and assumed its new name—Bondi Marine.

With the formation of the In-ter-suburban League of the NSW Federation, Bondi Marine were accepted to play in the Fourth Division.

Within two years they were promoted twice and by 1972 won the Second Division premiership.

In 1976, when the In-ter-suburban League was scrapped, the Marine were placed in the NSW Third Division.

During their career, the Marine attracted many very good players and were backed by excellent committees.

At first they played in the Eastern Suburbs competition and had to wait until 1948 to win their first premiership.

This turned out to be the first of many such wins until the Marine joined the NSW Soccer Football Association in 1959 (later to be known as Sydney Amateur League).

Here they did rather well in the first division: their best year was 1964 when they made a clean sweep of all trophies.

Today's stalwarts include Ted Rowe and Danny Goddard, senior vice-president.

Goddard played 15 seasons with the club; in one year he scored 78 goals.

Other long serving members are Dudley Page, a former mayor of Waverley, and Colin Lawn, an ex-player who is still the club's treasurer.

The many outstanding coaches over the years played a big part in the team's successes: Doug Minns, Ron Davies and the present coach Stan Forster come to mind.

Of the founding members of the club only Doug De Lucey is still active in the club.

The current president is Dudley Page, team manager is Barry Mather and secretary Doug Bennicke.



Bondi Marine team, back row (left to right): Stan Forster (player/coach), Gary Birchall, Alan Dowell, Gordon Heaney (player/vice-president), Brian Price, Noel Burke, Hector McFarlane, John McAusland (player/vice-president), Charlie Knight, Nigel Luxton, John Keiley, Barry Mather (team manager), Ted Rowe (ex-secretary); middle row (left to right): Doug DeLucey (founder member and played in first game), Noel Moig, Liam Nolan, Martin Roberts, Joe Robertson, Mick Cox, Jimmy Carroll, Doug Bennicke (player/secretary), Geoff Horgby; front row (left to right): Carlos Martinez, Steve Eliades, Steve Mikrow, Chris Papilou, Tasos Stast, Stewart Sneddon, Andy Skinner, Fabian Martinez, Gerardo Gomez, Dave Elstob. Missing from photo: Stewart Campbell, Dick Chambers, John Gärnett, Mick O'Neill, Alan Ward, Billy McDonald, Jimmy Keegan, Paul Bown, Harry Pachas, John Pachas, Pedro Otiniano.

Nepean hits high tide

Nepean Corinthian will be the new club in Second Division in 1979 — new to Second Division, although not new to Federation competition, having been under its previous name of Penrith Soccer Club, one of the earliest member clubs of the NSW Federation.

After years of "ups and downs" in competition the recent upsurge in the playing fortunes of the club began in 1975 when they persuaded veteran coach Denis Adrigan to take up the job of coach in order to build a playing squad from the many talented young players emerging in the strong Nepean District.

With the close co-operation of the Nepean Association, Adrigan set about the task with vigor.

In a short time he proved that he really had earned his reputation as a "builder of clubs" as he set about encouraging the talented young players with extra train-

ing sessions and with solid between-season sessions.

The 1977 season showed the results of this building with all three grades ending in the final four of their competition — the second grade winning their competition — and the first and third grades taking out the Grand Finals.

The culmination of the building program in the 1978 season finds the first grade team (with only four players over 20) winning their competition by a clear four points — the second grade taking out the premiership by a clear four points and the third grade coming

in fourth — so, once again, all three grades are in the finals.

In addition, the three teams between them in the 22 rounds of the competition scored a total of 199 goals, with several players individually scoring double figures.

Three members of the first grade teams were members of the State U/19 squad which played in the Brisbane carnival (all of them under 17) and one player, Ian Hunter, toured with the Australian Schoolboys U/18 team to Canada and the United States.

The 1979 season will see the club back in action on Cook Park, St. Marys, and the facilities they will enjoy will surprise many visiting clubs.

The playing surface was turfed early in 1978 and has been rested for the entire season and should be in excellent condition for the start of 1979.

The completely enclosed ground has a built-up spectator area with seating all round and the pitch is fenced off from spectators.

There is a stand to seat some 150, with players' dressing rooms and separate referees' room under the stand leading out through a central tunnel directly to the pitch; separate hot showers and toilet facilities are provided in both dressing rooms and the referees' room.

Work is currently underway, financed by the State Government, Penrith City Council and the Nepean District Association, to install complete floodlighting of the ground.

Nepean will enter the Second Division with a bang and give further proof that soccer is growing stronger west of Parramatta.

— JOHN GLYNN



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STATE LEAGUE

CROATIA—YUGAL 5-0 (3-0)

This 5-0 win put the premiership safely in Croatia's keeping for another year. The game began slowly and over the first quarter hour Yugal showed surprising dash and looked the more dangerous. However, when Croatia came to life they completely outplayed their opponents. Atti Abonyi scored first in the 27th minute with a freekick from 28 metres which curled around the Yugal wall and left their goalkeeper Andy Mandrides helpless. Four minutes later Maurice Sullivan scored after Peter Mullen's shot bounced off the upright. Sullivan scored the third from Abonyi's pass, which brought up 3-0 at the break. In the 52nd minute Mandrides brought down John Russell when he seemed

certain to score and Abonyi converted from the spot. Wally Savor scored in the 85th minute after Peter Leydon's shot had been parried.
CROATIA: Watson 3, R. Russell 5, Cagalj 4, Mullen 4, Smith 3, Coleman 3, Savor 3, Stone 2 (Leydon 60m, 1), Abonyi 5, Kovacic 2 (J. Russell 46m, 2), Sullivan 5.
YUGAL: Mandrides 2, Rodovac 2, Trukulja 4, Prgomelja 3, Cuk 4, Stamenkovic 2 (Novakovic 63m 1), Nitya 3, Bergovic 3, Tanoski 3, Galifuoco 3, Rodas 3.
Goals: 1-0 Abonyi (27m), 2-0 Sullivan (31m), 3-0 Sullivan (37m), 4-0 Abonyi pen. (52m), 5-0 Savor (85m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 3313.
— E. DE MESQUITA

AUBURN—MONARO 3-1 (2-0)

Auburn kept themselves within the limits of top four contention by defeating Monaro 3-1. They started strongly and quickly asserted midfield superiority. After 10 minutes of near misses Auburn broke the deadlock. Winger Andy Tracey made a strong run infield, fooling the defence with his deft footwork. In desperation a Monaro defender rushed out and brought him down in the penalty area. Willie Hamilton calmly slotted the ball into the right-hand corner. A minute later the visitors missed when Walter Valeri shot wide of the posts. Mick Stevenson took Auburn to 2-0 in the 24th minute after Monaro's centre-back Ian Cumming had misjudged a kick from Auburn goalkeeper Ron Gisborne. In the 60th minute Monaro came back after Kevin

Dobson made a defensive error by passing to John Morsello, who slotted the ball into the empty goal. Bruce Tilt extinguished Monaro's hopes of a point by ramming in Terry Bertram's pass in the 70th minute.

AUBURN: Gisborne 3, Cornet 3, Peters 3, Dobson 3, Fairclough 4, McDonald 4, Stevenson 3, Hamilton 3, Tilt 3, Bertram 4, Tracey 3.

MONARO: Pelic 3, O'Maye 2, De Paoli 2, Cumming 3, Mair 3, Bourke 4, Forwood 3 (J. Morsello 50m, 3), Campbell 3, Giampaolo 3, Valeri 3, T. Morsello 3.

Goals: 1-0 Hamilton pen. (10m), 2-0 Stevenson (24m), 2-1 J. Morsello (60m), 3-1 Tilt (70m). **Referee:** T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 324.

— S. MUTIMER

BANKSTOWN—MELITA 2-2 (0-1)

A penalty in the second minute of injury time scored by Joe Farrugia levelled the scores at the Soccer Centre. Until then even the Melita supporters had conceded Bankstown a shock win after they had dominated the midfield for most of the second half. In the 12th minute Brian Parker slid the ball past Terry Greedy for a Melita goal. Bankstown hung on grimly for the rest of the first half, but they came back strongly with some fine wall-passes. Tansley evened the score in the 67th minute. A move from Rootsey to Peck and Morrison saw Williams out Bankstown ahead. Referee Barry Wilkinson ordered a

penalty after Craig Lynch and Terry Jones collided in extra time and Joe Farrugia converted.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 4, Thompson 3, Lynch 4, Rootsey 4, Trusty 3, Morrison 4, Angelopoulos 3, Williams 4, Peck 4, Daley 3, Tansley 4.

MELITA: Bracklow 4, Hernandez 2 (McPherson 72m), Ververis 2, Yamine 3, Mikas 3, Darvill 3, Parker 4, McAusland 4, Ikononou 3, Jones 4, McGovern 1 (J. Farrugia 30m).

Goals: 0-1 Parker (12m), 1-1 Tansley (67m), 2-1 Williams (85m) 2-2 J. Farrugia pen (92m). **Referee:** B. Wilkinson. **Crowd:** 1885.

— D. MORRISON

AVALA—APIA 2-1 (1-1)

Avala's decision to blend four promising youngsters into their line-up paid off handsomely when they effectively removed APIA from any real hopes of semi-final contention with a well-executed 2-1 win. APIA had many chances to wrap up the game in the first half, but they slackened after Terry Butler had limped off with a leg injury. Young Gary Bateman chested in the first Avala goal after 10 minutes, and nine minutes later Ken Lindsay missed for APIA. George Krejza cleared from under the bar, and then Carruthers and Doyle missed as Avala desperately tried to contain a succession of APIA corners. Butler, more skilled but slower than before, half-volleyed a 20-metre equaliser, but in the 53rd minute Avala came back

with the winner. Krejza passed across a sleeping APIA defence from the left and young Paul Janek cut in to drive low past Mike Fraser. Mike Johnson made two changes and the pressure went back on to Avala towards the end, but a game defence, with young Graham Rimmer safe in goal, weathered it out.

AVALA: Rimmer 4, Krejza 4, S. Deller 3, Barton 4, Gray 3, Patterson 4 (Milne 83m), Janek 3, Kestic 3, Bateman 3, Kodar 3, Griffiths 4.

APIA: Fraser 4, Pullen 3, McMillan 3, Porter 3, McGinn 4, Lindsay 3, Fryer 3 (Jack 77m), Butler 4 (Link 55m), Doyle 3, Carruthers, Griffith 3.

Goals: 0-1 Bateman (10m), 1-1 Butler (38m), 1-2 Janek (53m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 675.

— K. GILMOUR

MANLY—TOONGABBIE 0-1 (0-1)

Toongabbie took their winning tally to two matches in two days with this 1-0 at Cramer Park. Although Manly never let up trying they only managed to get a few shots on target. Toongabbie's only goal followed a good lead up in which Jimmy Izatt slipped a neat pass to Carlos Ortega, who scored with a low hard shot from eight metres. John Dick played well for Manly and his 30-metre drive was just wide of the posts. In a goalless second half Toongabbie showed their skills. Sound work by Hector Gerlo and Rick Hormazabal resulted in shots being blocked near goal. In the closing

stages both Bob Geoghegan and Scott Beverley had chances to save a point for Manly but their shots went off target.

MANLY: Cassettari 3, Gosling 3, Stocks 3, Doyle 3, Dick 4, Geoghegan 3, Banks 3, Roozendaal 2, Nawalu 3, Geekie 2 (Beverley 62m), Stuart 3.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 3, Taylor 3, Gerlo 4, Pena 3, Parkhouse 3, Hormazabal 4, Oldham 3, Pollard 3, Izatt 3, Ortega 4, Armytage 4.

Goal: 0-1 Ortega (19m). **Referee:** P. Graham. **Crowd:** 362.

— G. STREETER

GRANVILLE—Mv. OLYMPIC 0-3 (0-1)

Marrickville hardly looked like the side which played their second game in 24 hours as the task of beating Granville seemed so easy for a team that lost by three goals to Toongabbie a day earlier. Spearheaded by Ross Brown, the Olympic attack was on top from start to finish, giving the Granville defence some torrid time. Peter Balafas on the wing spearheaded the Magpies' defence on many occasions, and only Barry Hoare saved Granville from a lot of trouble. For Granville Jim Herron and Larry Bates tried hard up front but were held in check by the confident Xipolitas and Norm Penman. The win kept Marrickville technically in the race for a semi-spot even if their

chances are very remote, while for Granville the game was not all that important as they are out of the running for any honors.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 4, Baron 3, Bigland 3, Selfridge 4, Lockey 4, Barker 3, Abbott 3, Bates 3, Herron 3, Fraser 2, Waldon 2.

MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC: El Zein 4, Chiarella 3, Sheldrick 4, Penman 4, Xipolitas 4, Kable 4, Balafas 4, Williams 3 (Borganos 80m), Thompson 3, Katholos 4, Brown 4.

Goals: 0-1 Balafas (17m), 0-2 Brown (55m), 0-3 Brown (87m). **Referee:** G. Warne. **Crowd:** 250.

— C. SPITERI

TOONGABBIE—Mv. OLYMPIC 3-0 (2-0)

Marrickville Olympic's semi-final hopes came tumbling down when they received a 3-0 hammering at the hands of Toongabbie. It was a great performance by 'Gabbie, who have done well in their first season of State League. The Demons' Steve Pollard set the mood of things to come when, in the fourth minute, he had an angled shot saved by the legs of outstanding Olympic 'keeper George Bartzis. 'Gabbie went surging ahead and the agile goalie saved two shots from Ricky Hormazabal. The visitors never settled into their rhythm due to the work of the bustling 'Gabbie midfielders. In the 32nd minute Jim Izatt supplied a short pass which Hormazabal blasted in from 20 metres. Minutes later Izatt made no

mistake with a penalty after handball in a scramble of players. Olympic's fate was sealed in the 52nd minute when winger Steve Pollard volleyed in a Carlos Ortega cross.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 4, Taylor 3, Gerlo 3, Pena 3, Parkhouse 4, Hormazabal 4, Oldham 4, Pollard 4, Izatt 3, Ortega 4, Stewart 2 (Armytage 46m, 2).

MARRICKVILLE: Bartzis 4, Kable 3, Sheldrick 3, Penman 3, Xipolitas 2, Williams 2, Balafas 3, Bosgnas 2, R. Brown 2, Paraskevas 1 (Karaparahos 32m, 2), Nezeritis 2.

Goals: 1-0 Hormazabal (32m), 2-0 Izatt pen. (39m), 3-0 Pollard (52m). **Referee:** K. Small. **Crowd:** 120.

— S. MUTIMER

MONARO KEEN TO ROCK CHAMPIONS

Croatia, not unexpectedly, are as good as premiers again. Congratulations! With three matches remaining they have a six point lead over the next contenders Sutherland, and an absolutely unbeatable goal difference.

Polonia v Ku-ring-gai a classic final

— By Charles Spiteri —

Polonia will stage a special promotion on Sunday at Chopin Park where they meet Ku-ring-gai in the Second Division final.

If the semis played last weekend are any guide, this year's final should be one of the best seen in years, as both teams had to fight all the way to get into this game.

Polonia, after leading 3-0 within the first 20 minutes, battled their way to win 4-3 on penalties against Revesby, while Ku-ring-gai were twice behind before beating Blacktown 4-2 at Parklands.

Both coaches expect to field their full regular teams for this all-important game.

Brief reports from last weekend's semis:

REVESBY v POLONIA 4-4 (3-4 on penalties)

After leading 3-0 in the first 12 minutes, Polonia had to withstand an onslaught from Revesby Workers.

The game was a top performance by both teams and it was a pity that one had to bow out on penalties — a rather sad way to lose a semi-final.

It was one way traffic at the start and Polonia raced to a three-goal lead which completely stunned the fighting Revesby.

However, Revesby never gave it away and from a corner kick by Greg Byles in the 35th minute, Greg Gill was in position to head the cross home, reducing the leeway.

Byles, who played a tremendous captain's game, had a talk to the boys in the dressing room and after the resumption Revesby came out, sweeping Polonia off their feet.

Within six minutes Ken Thorpe raced through with the ball, sending a perfect ball for his brother Graham to hit home and get the score to 3-2.

Continuing the attack, Revesby got the equaliser through Greg Gill who 'beat the Polonia defence in a solo effort to score in the 75th minute.

Minutes later, Revesby hit the front, this time Byles bending the ball around the wall from a freekick.

Polonia were in trouble but they managed to get the equalising goal right on full time and get the opportunity to play extra time of 10 minutes each way which failed to break the deadlock.

Eventually the game had to be decided on penalties which Polonia won 4-3.

Greg Byles played one of his best games this season and so did Lyle Pittman.

Stars of Polonia were Ricky Boudini and Pietrzyk as well as goalie Greenfield, saving two penalties in the tie-breaker.

REVESBY: Pearcell, Adams, Keith

Thorpe, Copas, Pittman, Watson, Patterson, Byles (1), Gill (2), Ken Thorpe, G. Thorpe (1).

POLONIA: Greenfield, Fisher, Zounis, Lawson (Pesa), Svigeli, Pietrzyk (1), R. Boudini, A. Boudini (1), Strzelecki (2), Wisniewski, Wozniczka (Polewski).

KU-RING-GAI v BLACKTOWN 4-2

Second Division champions Ku-ring-gai had to produce their best football to down Blacktown in an exciting and very entertaining game of football at Parklands Oval.

The game started sensationally when, within five minutes, a freekick taken by Joe Ramisch for Blacktown was volleyed into the corner my mid-fielder John Lee but the goal was disallowed for offside.

However, the determined Blacktown took the lead in the 10th minute when a freekick by Alec Gardner was hit into the net by Joe Ramisch.

The game see-sawed, with the ball running from end to end at a fast pace. Ku-ring-gai hit the equaliser in the 20th minute when winger Alan King hit a scorching from an acute angle to beat Bruce James in the Blacktown goal.

Yet, Blacktown were back again on top with 10 minutes to the interval, this time from a close range header by Greg McCoy following a Joe Ramisch corner kick.

Five minutes before half time, Ku-ring-gai were back on level terms when Ross Smith headed the ball home from a corner.

Blacktown gave Ku-ring-gai the lead only three minutes after the resumption when a misunderstanding between the goalkeeper and defender finished with the goalkeeper chesting the ball into his own net.

Ku-ring-gai held on to their slight lead and were putting their game together better in the second half.

Using their wings Alan King and Trevor Reeves, Ku-ring-gai kept the pressure up on the young Blacktown defence and it was no surprise that Kinsey added another goal 10 minutes from the end with another header from a corner.

King and Reeves were the best in the Ku-ring-gai side, while John Lee and Bobby Vincent were the best for the losers.

BLACKTOWN: James o.g., Foster, McCoy (1), Vincent, Gardner, Lee, J. Ramisch (1), R. Ramisch, Ellis (Hanish), Clarke, Milokovic.

KU-RING-GAI: Ellis, Turner, S. Robertson, Malone, A. Robertson, Warton, King (1), West, Smith (1), Kinsey (1), Reeves.

Goals: 0-1 C. Hall (22m), 1-1 Blackburn (71m). **Referee:** A. McKenzie. **Crowd:** 348.

— R. DEWICK

ARNCLIFFE—SUTHERLAND 1-1 (0-1)

Had Nelson Brizuela not made a complete hash of a penalty kick 13 minutes into the second half Arncliffe might well have taken both points in a game of two entirely different halves.

In fact, if the kick had come off, the Scots would have deserved their win. Sutherland's method and precision game covered the first 45 minutes, but it was an individual goal from Craig Hall that put them into the lead. They fell apart after the interval, as without the calmness and leadership of the injured John Watkiss, Arncliffe exposed the gaps in their defence.

Sutherland had no midfield almost all day and if Arncliffe had been able to put more men into the box, Sutherland would have had more troubles.

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ARNCLIFFE: Rogers 3, Butler 4, Warner 3 (Young 46m), Smart 4, Hall 3, Martin 3, Baker 3, Bankhead 4, Muscovits 3, Blackburn 3, Brizuela 2 (Santa Rosa 70m).

SUTHERLAND: Graggs 3, Hesford 3, Wykes 3, Harrington 2, Dal Forno 3, Schumann 3, C. Hall 5, Meades 3 (Tasker 83m), Beggs 3, Basterfield 3, Bush 2 (P. Hall 72m).

Goals: 0-1 C. Hall (22m), 1-1 Blackburn (71m). **Referee:** A. McKenzie. **Crowd:** 348.

— R. DEWICK

MONARO—AVALA 3-0 (1-0)

A depleted Monaro put on an 'impressive performance to record its best win for some time. Monaro were without Ian Cumming, John Santolin and John Morsello but were still too strong in all departments for a disappointing Avala. Monaro attacked from the opening minute and State player Sebastian Giampaolo tore Avala's defence to shreds on numerous occasions. Monaro's winning margin may have been greater but for the fact that a couple of tired Giampaolo elected to pass to a team-mate rather than shoot himself after getting into good scoring positions. Tony Morsello opened the scoring in the 12th minute when he rose high to head in Walter Valeri's curling cross. Monaro twice hit the upright before Allan Bourke celebrated his birthday by scoring a good goal early in the second half

following a free kick on the edge of the penalty area. Eight minutes from the end Giampaolo produced another of his best goals, leaving three defenders in his wake before unleashing a fierce shot that gave Ahrens no chance.

MONARO: Palic 3, Lawler 4, De Paoli 3, O'Maye 4, Mair 3, Bourke 4, Forwood 4, Campbell 3, Giampaolo 4, Valeri 3, Morsello 4.

AVALA: Ahrens 3, Krejza 2, Deller 3, Barton 3, Gray 4, Kestic 3, Morrow 3, Patterson 4, Beater 3, Kodar 3, Griffiths 3.

Goals: 1-0 Morsello (12m), 2-0 Bourke (62m), 3-0 Giampaolo (82m). **Referee:** K. Allen. **Crowd:** 900.

— J. Chiera

Report delayed from last week because of Telecom dispute.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

— By Keith Gilmour —

Their next matches will keep them on their toes for the championship series.

This week they play semi-final aspirants Monaro, followed by improvers Melita Eagles and finally Marrickville Olympic.

Pride of place must go this week to the Croatia-Monaro clash at Sydney Sports Ground, especially as Monaro are competing for championship places with Melita and Auburn and one must drop out of the picture.

ARNCLIFFE v GRANVILLE

Arncliffe's continued bid to win their two-way struggle with Bankstown to avoid relegation takes on a new dimension when they meet Granville at Seymour Shaw.

Granville, for their part, are capable of putting up a strong defensive wall in front of outstanding young goalkeeper Barry Hoare, a barrier that could be hard to pierce.

It has been Granville's midfield that has been lacking recently, but if Bobby Wall can settle them into a pattern the Scots will find it hard indeed.

Granville's attitude and Arncliffe's imperative need of points could turn this into an unrelenting encounter, with Granville the team to beat.

MANLY v SUTHERLAND

It would take a minor revolution for Manly to upset Sutherland, but a similar event almost happened last week when Arncliffe held them to 1-1.

Sutherland seem resigned to losing Craig Hall to a PSL club next season, but in the meantime there is no doubt that this very talented youngster will play a key role in games such as this.

If they overcome Manly there is sound ground for the view that they will gain sufficient points from the remaining games — Monaro (away) and Avala (at home) — to face Croatia in the major semi-final in October.

AUBURN v MV OLYMPIC

Auburn have left their run very late, but they did themselves proud with a decisive 3-1 win over Monaro last week.

Olympic, on the other hand, were swept aside by Toongabbie and then they defeated Granville in a double-barrel weekend.

After this week Auburn have a break and then play Granville in the last round. They must grab both points to remain in the semi-finals race.

AVALA v TOONGABBIE

If the teams play with the drive they did last week then their fans are in for a treat.

Toongabbie's all-round ability

and particularly skilled players of the Hormazabal and Ortega class should give them the advantage.

The rebuilt Avala are a vastly improved outfit, with Graham Rimmer, Ilya Kestic, Gary Bateman and Branko Kodor all catching the eye with their potential.

CROATIA v MONARO

Bob Russell, Atti Abonyi and Maurice Sullivan are the current stars of the all-conquering Croatia line-up.

Monaro, without John Santolin, lack the strength they will need at the back, and they will find it tough on the wide expanses of Sydney Sports Ground.

For Monaro, with Sutherland and Melita to play, points are absolutely vital as Auburn are now breathing down their necks.

BANKSTOWN v APIA

Will this be the week that APIA put away their chances instead of letting them go begging?

This game in any case should go much closer than the respective positions on the table indicate.

There is a feeling — and it might apply equally to Arncliffe — that the team that goes down into the proposed First Division will find the greatest difficulty in rising again.

At this stage there has been a resurgence with Bankstown, and APIA are either brittle or good depending on the mood of the week.

YUGAL v MELITA

It looks as if Bobby McPherson is back after his broken leg, and Raul Blanco is certain to blend him back gradually into the defence.

Melita have a hard draw after this meeting, as they strike Croatia and them Monaro in the two final rounds.

In last week's game veteran Zivko Trkulja and Peter Cuk were the pick of the Yugal side, but it will surely take more than another outstanding display by this pair to upset Melita, who are fighting hard for a prestigious semi-final place.



ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Avala v Toongabbie Garside

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
FIRST DIVISION

Arncliffe v Granville Seymour Shaw
 Manly v Sutherland Cramer Park
 Auburn v Mv. Olympic Garside Park
 Croatia v Monaro Sportsground
 Bankstown v APIA Soccer Centre
 Yugal v Melita Concord Oval

SECOND DIVISION FINAL
Polonia v Ku-ring-gai at Chopin Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
FIRST DIVISION

Bankstown v Avala Soccer Centre
 Monaro v Sutherland Bruce Stadium

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
FIRST DIVISION

Melita v Croatia Garside
 Yugal v Arncliffe Concord Oval



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WORLD NEWS



BRAZIL'S STARS

GET ITCHY FEET

FIFA president Joao Havelange may soon resign — this is the story we have just read in Rio's "Jornal do Brazil". According to the newspaper, Havelange has been asked by the president of the Brazilian Republic, General Joao Batista Figueiredo, to accept the portfolio of Minister of Sport, to be created on October 15.

Ferenc Puskas, new coach of the Greek AEK. "The recent World Cup finals were a disaster from a football technical point of view."

Karl Odermatt, captain of Young Boys of Bern, is the oldest first division player in Switzerland, at 36.

Rainer Bonhof, one of the big disappointments in the World Cup, with West Germany, has assured his new club Valencia: "I never really recovered from my earlier injury in Argentina. Here you'll see the old Bonhof."

Martin O'Neill, Nottingham's Irish international, is keen to get a transfer.

Gianni Rivera, former international star of AC Milan (and now majority shareholder of the club), has started his 21st season with the Milanese.

Abandoned by manager Dave Mackay and his assistant, both of whom left for the Middle East, tiny Walsall appointed its striker, Buckley, 27, as caretaker coach-manager.

In a league match in Hong Kong a massive brawl broke out among the fans. Several suffered serious injuries and one died in hospital.

Henning Frenzel, East Germany's 59-time capped international, retired at 36.

Tony Brown, the veteran West Brom striker scored the English season's first goal against Ipswich — after 20 seconds.

The Yugoslav, Ivan Golac, has signed for Southampton — and is waiting for a work permit.

To meet rising costs — and skyrocketing salaries to stars — many Italian clubs have slashed their professional staffs, some from 25 to 18 players. As a result, in the various professional and semi-professional leagues, 600 players have become unemployed.

Jack Stein has been appointed as the new Leeds manager. The 55-year-old Scottish maestro spent more than 10 brilliantly successful seasons with Celtic Glasgow.

Argentina's manager Luis Cesar Menotti smokes two packs of cigarettes during a match and 100 during a whole day.

Stuart Pearson, Manchester United's brilliant striker, had to undergo a cartilage operation.

Arsenal have offered \$620,000 to Ipswich for their powerful international Brian Talbot.

Rene Houseman, the Argentine World Cup winger, who has been signed by Middlesbrough for \$520,000, can't start playing yet for his English club because the transfer fee has not yet been paid in full.

Rivelino, on arriving in Saudi Arabia to join his new club, told reporters: "Zico and I were the two real victims of the managership of Coutinho."

Borussia Monchengladbach has appointed Danish star Alan Simonsen as the new captain.

Big-spending Spanish clubs are often on the verge of bankruptcy. Barcelona's debts amount to \$9 million and Real Madrid's to \$3 million.

This is planning for you: the West German Association has announced that on September 10, 1980, they will play a friendly international against Switzerland.

Austrian Bruno Pezzey, recently signed by Frankfurt, is the new darling of the German spectators.

Bayern coach Gyula Lorant has not spoken a word in four months to his international Jupp Kapellman, and some newspapers begin to wonder if the eccentric Hungarian coach carries the feud too far with his brilliant player.

Eric Batty, the noted English soccer writer, has selected his World XI in "World Soccer": Shilton, Krol, Watson, Luis Pereira, Tarantini, Ardiles, Cubillas, Causio, G. Muller, Bettenga, Rensenbrink.

The president of Brazilian club Palmeiras has vanished — together with the club's cash. The embarrassed club now had to put goalie Leao on transfer to stay solvent.

Fernando Morena, Penarol's Uruguay international, scored all seven of his team's goals against Huracan Buceo to establish a new scoring record. Morena played against Australia in 1974 — and missed a sitter in the goalmouth in the Sydney match.

Argentina's World Cup captain Passarella, who won the FIFA Fair Play Trophy in June, was sent off in a club match between River Plate and Boca Juniors after having dashed half the length of the field to kick the Boca goalkeeper Santos.

According to the fine English weekly, "Shoot", this would be the most valuable English League team with estimated price tags added: Shilton \$675,000, McGrain \$525,000, McQueen \$750,000, Beattie \$750,000, Statham \$600,000, Dalglish \$975,000, Wilkins \$1,100,000, Brady \$1,100,000, T. Francis \$900,000, Gray \$970,000 and Barnes \$675,000 — a total of some \$9 million.

Match attendances are down . . . manager Claudio Coutinho is uncertain about his future . . . the stars are seeking greener pastures elsewhere . . .

...these are some of the by-products of Brazil's World Cup "failure" this year.

A third place would have been hailed in most other countries as a huge success — but not in Brazil. There it's first or nothing.

Helenio Nunes, president of the Federation, has declared recently that "until 1980 I don't want to even think about our national team."

"Our preparations cost too much without producing a team. The public is sick of the team. Now we have to see what help we can give the clubs."

Meanwhile, the star-studded team is fast losing its shine, with the departure or at least restiveness of several players.

Rivelino has gone to Saudi Arabia's Helal Club — for a cool \$1m.

Dirceu, according to neutral experts one of the best players in the Mundial, is anything but the darling of the Brazilian crowds: he is accused of being slow and circumspect.

The bitter Dirceu, who has already received tentative offers from Italy, announced:

"I'll wait a while and if this crazy position doesn't change, I'll pack my bags and leave. I'd like Spain for a change."

Goalie Leao, 28, is also unhappy with his \$30,000 annual salary (plus bonuses) that Palmeiras pays him.

GAUCHOS GIVE GAME A MISS

Crowds are down in Argentina where the championship has resumed after the World Cup.

Despite the national team's success at the Mundial — or because of it — fans are reluctant to flock to see "ordinary" club matches.

Some of the stars are missing, having been transferred to Europe and this also keeps crowds away.

So do the new admission charges; the cheapest admission ticket is 2500 pesos (about \$3) which, on weekly salaries of \$60 for an average worker, seem excessively high.

River Plate, last year's champions, have slumped to sixth place.

In some matches they fielded their reserve side while the first team played in the South American Cup.

Then, as River were about to embark on a tour of Europe to make some money, they again left behind their reserve team to play in the championship games.

Now River hope to farm two

"I don't want to wait too long on this pittance before they pension me off," he said. "I'll try Spain."

Oscar, the powerful stopper, is anxious to leave his small club Ponte Preta and will join either a Spanish outfit or, perhaps, Rio's Flamengo whose coach is now Coutinho himself.

Batista, the colored midfielder, is only 24 and feels vastly underpaid by his club, Internacional, which, however, cannot increase his monthly \$650 salary.

Nelinho, whose amazing long distance shots and freekicks probably still give the Polish and Italian goalies some nightmares, wants to leave Belo Horizonte and return to Rio — but hasn't been flooded by offers.

Cerezo plans to go to Spain from his club, Atletico Minas Gerais, while Zico is off to Saudi Arabia soon.

The unluckiest is, perhaps, Reinaldo, 21, who had to have another knee operation in New York and may be out of action for half a year or more.

The only ace content and happy is Amaral, Brazil's slim, colored freeback, one of the favorites of the public.

Maybe this Brazil side was not one of their greatest. But even this seems to be on the brink of falling apart beyond repair.

And then Admiral Nunes really doesn't have to think about a national team until 1980.



Right — Dirceu of Brazil races into the action with Italian star Rossi.

TWO WANT OUT



Rosset again challenges for the ball, this time against Oscar, who is covered by team-mate Dirceu.

Unprovoked and unprompted, Scottish star John Greig has named this XI as the best since the war: Banks, Carlos Alberto, Moore, Beckenbauer, Facchetti, Edwards, Rivera, Charlton, Garrincha, Pele, Cruyff. Not a Scot there . . .

Maybe those Arabs don't throw their money around as freely as some Sydney reporters believe . . . Former Brazil ace Didi who, in recent times, has coached Peru, Fluminense and River Plate, has joined the Saudi Arabian club of Al Ahli for \$900 a week plus free house, car and domestic servants. It's not quite the \$120,000 p.a. plus . . .

Tommy Smith, veteran Liverpool skipper, has declined an offer to join Walsall as player-coach.

Lincoln City has suspended for two weeks its player Phil Neale for refusing to attend training and preferring to play cricket.

Former Real Madrid treasurer Raimondo Saporta will accept to be head to the 1982 World Cup organising committee only if he has a free hand and is not responsible to the government, only to the Spanish king.

Ally McLeod has been reconfirmed as Scotland's national team manager — allegedly there were no other applicants for the job.

Anderlecht's Dutch star Robby Rensenbrink has announced that he will retire at the end of the 1981 season, when he will be 34.

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